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THE President's PAGE

by
WILMA
HEISSER

The long hot lazy summer is almost over, and with vacations in the past we can look forward to an active fall. Most of the committee assignments have been filled, with some groups already working on their projects.

The Steering Committee of the Library Development Committee under the enthusiastic guidance of Mrs. Alice B. Good, Director of Department of Library and Archives, is planning and sponsoring a Governor's Conference on Development of Libraries in Arizona for October 1st. This conference, the first in our state, should stimulate interest and understanding of present library problems and activities. The entire state library picture will reflect this impetus during the months ahead.

Best wishes to Mrs. Good and her committee for this most needed event.

On October 8th the Student Library Association of Arizona will hold its second annual meeting on the campus of A. S. U. in Tempe. Mrs. Elizabeth Baughn, Librarian of South Mountain High School, and the Recruitment Committee are planning and sponsoring this most enthusiastic group.

May I urge every member to support the regional organization by attending the Southwestern Library Association Meeting in Tucson on October 28th and 29th. Headquarters will be the Pioneer Hotel. Mr. Fleming Bennett is in charge of local arrangements. I'll be there, and hope you will be too!

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Library of Congress Publishes Monumental Guide

A monumental bibliographical *Guide to the Study of the United States of America* has been published by the Library of Congress. Compiled by Donald H. Mugridge, Blanche P. McCrum, and other members of the Library's staff under the direction of Roy P. Basler, Director of the Reference Department, the volume describes in its more than 1,100 double-column pages approximately 10,000 books "that reflect the development of life and thought in the United States."

Through copyright deposits and other acquisitions, the Library of Congress has become the home of the world's largest collection of books about America, and the number and complexity of the questions addressed to the Library about practically all phases of life in the United States have increased markedly in the last decade. The comprehensive new *Guide*, by encompassing in a single publication a series of bibliographical studies on the United States, constitutes an information source that will help furnish the answers to such questions and contribute to a wider diffusion of knowledge about this country throughout the world.

The *Guide* has 32 chapters, each taking in the various aspects of a single broad subject. The most comprehensive—the work of Miss McCrum—is one on "Literature," which includes about a third of the nearly 6,500 entries. Other fields receiving extensive treatment include "Literary History and Criticism," "Periodicals and Journalism," "Travel and Travelers," "Society," "Art and Architecture," "Music," "Law and Justice," "Constitution and Government," and "Politics, Parties, Elections." An appendix furnishes a list of books useful for those studying American civilization

in its broad aspects, and there is a detailed index for locating information in the text.

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Compiled by James O. Moore, Consultant, Library and Audio-Visual Department, East Whittier City School District in Whittier, California, the bibliography also provides guidance to school administrators and librarians on how books can be included in applications for financial assistance.

Books on the list are grouped by subject with each subject divided into non-fiction, fiction and professional reference classifications. All subject headings roughly correspond with the subjects covered in elementary science textbooks.

The following information is given for each book listed: author, title, publisher and year, reading level by grade, publisher's list price, and net prebound price.

The bibliography is available without charge by writing to Carl J. Leibel, Inc., 1236 So. Hatcher Ave., La Puente, California.

Governor's Conference on Library Development

MRS. ALICE B. GOOD
*Director of Department of
Library and Archives*

A thousand invitations to the first Governor's Conference on Library Development in Arizona will be issued by Governor Paul Fannin early in September. They will be sent to public library trustees and board members, public officials and legislators, librarians, civic, club, and church leaders, and to citizens in all sections of the state, who are interested in public library services.

The Conference will be held at the Hotel Westward Ho, Phoenix, on October 1, 1960. It is being sponsored by the Department of Library and Archives, Library Extension Service, the Arizona Development Board, and the ASLA. It will be a one-day meeting, opening with an address of welcome by Governor Fannin, followed by an address by a representative of one of our large industrial firms, and a report on the development of libraries in the state during the past few years. There will be a luncheon meeting at which Dr. Lawrence Clark Powell, Librarian, University of California at Los Angeles, and author of many works on Arizona and the Southwest, will be the speaker. The afternoon session will be devoted to group discussions on problems of providing library services to Arizona's growing population. A

final summing up of the group discussions will be made by the recorders.

Planning for the Conference has been carried on by the Committee on Library Development, Mrs. Alice B. Good, Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Catherine S. Chadwick, Extension Service Librarian. Other members of the Committee are Mr. Fleming Bennett, Mr. Winston R. Henderson, Miss Gertrude Thayer, Mrs. Wilma Heisser, Mrs. Wallace E. Alberts, Mrs. Edwynne Rosenbaum, Miss Jean Stewart, Mrs. Alberta Titus, and Mrs. Walter L. Varner, Jr. The following persons were also asked to participate in the work: Mr. Bert Coleman, Arizona Development Board; Mrs. Ruth Adams, of Governor Fannin's staff; Mr. Jack McDonald, Arizona Public Service; Mrs. Gordon Farley, library trustee, Nogales; Hon. Robert Myers, Phoenix; and Dr. Robert W. Ashe, Arizona State University. Representatives from each county have been invited to take part in the planning.

In calling attention to the need for accelerated development of public libraries in the state, Governor Fannin is following a pattern recommended by library leaders over the nation. States having held such conferences are Wisconsin, California, and Nevada. Other states are planning conferences for this year.

DEPART. OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS TO HOLD LUNCHEON

Mrs. Helen Moffat, Chairman, School Libraries Committee, has announced a luncheon meeting of the Department of School Librarians of the Arizona Education Association, Friday, November 4, 1960, during AEA Convention. Place, exact time, and program will be announced later through the AEA bulletins.

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1960, 10:00 A. M.
PHOENIX COLLEGE LIBRARY

PRESIDING: Mrs. Heisser, President.

PRESENT: Batchelor, Baughn, Bump, Chadwick, Cooley, Good, Heisser, Mitchell, Moffat, Peters, Philpott, Powell, Saltus, Thayer, Thompson, Wheeler.

ABSENT: Godsell.

The treasurer's report for the period April 1, 1960, to May 15, 1960, was read showing a balance of \$1146.46. A resume of the 1960 Convention expenses as of May 15, 1960, was submitted showing receipts of the Convention, \$2530.31, and expenses \$2124.71.

Mrs. Heisser presented a correction to the minutes of the 1960 Convention indicating that the salary of the Director of State Library and Archives be investigated rather than Library Extension Services personnel. Mrs. Good explained that this is a step to be taken to help remedy the present situation in which a director's salary scale may not be changed during his period of appointment.

It was then moved, seconded and carried that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Convention since they will be published in the *Arizona Librarian*.

Since Mrs. Godsell will be away for the summer months, it was moved, seconded and carried that a check be given to Mrs. Heisser to cover any expenses of the Association during that period.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mr. Mitchell brought post convention publicity from the Tucson newspapers, an editorial from the *Eloy Enterprise* on school libraries, an interview with Nell Manuel. He also reported that the Association received a letter

of thanks from the Superior Library. An article concerning Mrs. Thompson's award as Librarian of the Year in the Osborn School District paper was presented.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:

Mrs. Philpott reported that material is ready for the printing of the *Arizona Librarian*. She presented price quotations from two Safford printers and presented several names of people to serve as business manager. It was the suggestion of the Board that the selection of the printer and business manager is the prerogative of the editor, and Mrs. Philpott was instructed to go ahead with her production plans.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES: Mrs. Peters announced that Dorothy Weiler and Winston Henderson are members of her committee.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES: Mrs. Moffat reported that Oleta Morgan and May Wiita have been named to her committee. She suggested that the School Libraries committee be enlarged or that subcommittees be formed because of the additional areas to be covered. She reported that work is underway to form a liaison between the school librarians of ALA and NEA. Because of the emphasis on school library standards, surveys should be conducted based on ALA standards.

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IMPACT OF LIBRARY SERVICES ACT ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT OF ARIZONA

*As reported by Mrs. Elizabeth Moore
on April 23, 1960*

The Library Services Act has had great impact in Arizona because of lack of previous development. Exactly how much and what impact it has had is not fully known.

Before LSA there were 27 libraries vigorous enough to make reports to the State Library in answer to a request for information. Two of these (Phoenix - Mesa and Tucson) were too large to meet LSA requirements. A third was an army library and was therefore not eligible for assistance under the Library Services Act.

There were, therefore, 24 libraries for the purpose of this study. Because of a further study in mid-1958, financed by LSA and sponsored by the Library Extension Service in an effort to get a more complete picture of Arizona libraries, the number of libraries serving the public in rural communities was shown to have been considerably more than the 24 first reported. Answering the Extension Service survey in 1958 were 23 additional libraries.

Also turned up in 1958 survey were fourteen libraries which had begun operation since April, 1957, primarily under the impetus of LSA and the guidance of the Extension Service.

It is interesting to note that of the original 24 libraries reporting to the state before April, 1957, only five had not affiliated with the Extension Service by July 1, 1959. Of the additional libraries turned up in the 1958 survey in existence before LSA, only six had not affiliated as of July 1, 1959. Before

LSA, therefore, 33 rural communities were enjoying some sort of library service, whereas since LSA the number of communities so served has jumped to 121 as of July 1, 1959—136 at the date of this report.

Of the fourteen counties in Arizona only three are represented by any form of county-wide service. Giving county tax support in some form are nine counties.

Patterns of support are turning away from the private group towards the tax supported library. This does not mean that the local community has become less interested, but on the contrary more of the community has come to favor supporting library service on a tax basis as the least expensive form of public education. Libraries in Arizona are moving away from the privileged interest of the privileged few to the vital interest of entire communities.

The day of the private library is passing in Arizona. Public responsibility for public service is being recognized as the only efficient and economical way to provide adequate modern service for modern communities. This does not preclude—let us emphasize this—local interest in library service. It merely broadens the base of interest to include the entire community.

County and regional cooperation will be the logical step from smaller tax units to larger ones, in order to supply the materials needed for citizen knowledge and understanding in our complex modern world.

MINUTES (continued)

COLLEGE AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES COMMITTEE: Mr. Powell reported that the committee is preparing a list of scientific and technical periodicals in the area. Mrs. Heisser announced Mr. Powell's autograph party at the McDuffy Bookstore in Scottsdale, Saturday between 2:00 and 5:00 P. M.

RECRUITMENT: The committee is making plans for the Student Library Assistants convention to be held on October 8th, according to Mrs. Baughn.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: The committee held a meeting following the convention, and Mrs. Good reports that an attempt is being made to enlist business and professional people in every community to work for better libraries. Data are being gathered to show the local conditions. The committee is working toward a governor's conference in this field to be carried out in the fall. It is the hope of the committee that this will create an interest in library development among local citizens.

ALA COUNCILOR: Mrs. Saltus reported that following action from the American Library Association, ALA voted for extension of the Library Services Act in response to a request from Congress for an opinion. The Code of Ethics was returned to the committee for further editing. A request will be made to a foundation for funds to study the role of libraries in relation to children through the University of Chicago Graduate Library School. At the Convention the suggestion will be made to have the 1962 Convention in Miami and the 1963

Convention in Chicago for the opening of the new headquarters.

CONSTITUTION REVISION: Mrs. Thompson announced that Gertrude James, Sue Gondek, and Fleming Bennett will serve on her committee. She then asked the Board for suggestions on needed changes in the Constitution. Mr. Powell suggested an investigation into monetary needs of the *Arizona Librarian* be made. It was further suggested that past editors be consulted to see if the present arrangement and format were too expensive.

Miss Thayer suggested that the possibility of making the Trustees Committee part of the organization be explored. Mr. Powell moved that we take a mail ballot of the membership to establish a standing committee of the Trustees. The motion was not carried. It was suggested to the Constitution Revision Committee that various ways of making the trustees a part of the Association be explored because it is the feeling of the Board that there would be benefits to libraries in the state from having the trustees a part of the Association.

MRS. CHADWICK reported on a meeting she attended at Carson City, Nevada, for people concerned with extension in the eleven western states.

Mrs. Heisser named Frank Schneider as 1961 Convention Chairman. Mr. Schneider presented a report on places in Phoenix where the 1961 ASLA Convention might be held. After a discussion by the Board, Mrs. Moffat moved that the Chairman make the necessary arrangements for the Convention to be held in Phoenix the week-end of April 7, 8, and 9. It was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Heisser asked for suggestions for a person to be named as chairman of National Library Week. The fol-

lowing were named: Royal Alderman, O'Malley Investment Company; Public Relations director, Salt River Valley Water Users Association; Charlie Pine of the Valley National Bank; and Bill Bartels.

Miss Thayer moved that the Executive Board go on record as favoring a Governor's Conference on Library Development. The motion was seconded and carried.

Since David Clift has been ill, it was suggested that a letter be written to him from the Association expressing wishes for an early recovery.

Mrs. Philpott moved that the president appoint a committee to study the ASLA dues structure. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Saltus moved that the president appoint a committee to investigate the Scholarship Fund to see whether funds could not be designated for use at the present time. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Lora Jeanne Wheeler,
Secretary

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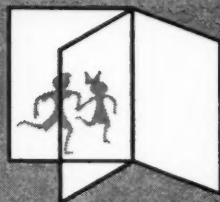
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Periodicals in Arizona High Schools

From a report given at the 1960 ASLA Convention by Donald N. Bentz, Assistant Professor of Library Science, University of Arizona.

Donald N. Bentz, assisted by his students of library science, recently sent a checklist of 142 periodicals to 85 high school libraries in the state. Seventy-six of the libraries returned the questionnaire, and the results disclosed some interesting facts. *Life* led the list with 74 subscribers. *World Tennis* turned up on the bottom with five or fewer school libraries subscribing.

The survey was limited to senior high school libraries (grades nine to twelve), and only subscriptions paid for by school funds were to be checked. Gift subscriptions were excluded in this survey. The purpose, stated in the explanatory note prefacing the checklist, was "to obtain a fairly good indication of the titles subscribed to, and presumably used by students and faculty in Arizona High Schools." All of the 85 schools receiving the questionnaire were accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Of the 76 replies, thirteen were from schools of fewer than one hundred students. The average number of periodicals on their subscriptions lists was 23, an average of two titles for every five students. Libraries serving enrollments of between 100 and 1000 (a rather broad category) reported an average of one title for eight students and 41 titles per school. Eleven schools, reporting enrollments of from 1000 to 2000, received an average of 117 titles each, about one magazine for each twelve and one-half students. Among the eight schools of over 2000 enrollment, the average number of

titles per school was 141 or one title for every 18 students.

The averages per school are an especially interesting result of the survey because of the new *Standards for School Library Programs* recently published by ALA. These standards specify for a senior high school at least 120 titles, regardless of enrollment. Supporting this figure, which may seem high to librarians facing the inevitable budget restrictions, the ALA says:

"Magazines form an important part of the school library collections. They contain material not found elsewhere and are a primary source of information about current events. For some students, magazines constitute their major reading fare, and this fact is treated constructively in the reading guidance done by school librarians. Students read magazines for many purposes, school related and otherwise, and it is important for students to become familiar with a wide range of good magazines. The collection of magazines is therefore large enough to permit representation of many subjects and special interest areas as well as popular reading fare."

(*Standards* . . p. 78)

In this survey of Arizona high school libraries, only one of the above groups of schools showed an average which meets the published standards. This was the group with enrollments of more than 2000 students. Even libraries serving between 1000 and 2000 failed to reach the goal, and this group represents very large schools. Based

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S. W. L. A. Convention

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The details are given in the S.W.L.A. *Newsletter*, August 1960. The banquet speaker will be Joseph Wood Krutch, philosophical essayist and author of *The Desert Year*, *The Grand Canyon* and *The Measure of Man*. Other speakers include Mr. William H. Carlson, Director of Libraries, Oregon State System; Dr. Frances Lander Spain, Co-ordinator, Children's Services, New York Public Library, and ALA President; Dr. Frances Gillmor, author and Professor of English, University of Arizona; Mrs. Orcene Mahoney, Executive Secretary, Resources and Technical Services Division, ALA.

A special feature will be the presentation of the S.W.L.A. Literary Award to an outstanding book on the Southwest. This award will be presented at the banquet, October 27th, 8:00 p.m.

There will be reports of develop-

ments in each of the states and interesting section programs for colleges and universities, public libraries, children's and young people's libraries and technical services. Also scheduled are pre-conference work shops for teachers of library science, for state representatives for the Library Services Act, and for State Executive Directors of the 1961 National Library Week.

Local convention chairman is Mr. Fleming Bennett, Librarian, University of Arizona. Local registration chairman is Miss Patricia Paylore. Mr. Donald M. Powell, University Reference Librarian, is serving as exhibits chairman, and publicity will be handled by Miss Marguerite Pasquale. Mrs. Gertrude Keuhl is finance chairman. Further information may be obtained on request from any of these, addressed in care of the University Library, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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PERIODICALS (*continued*)

on the total returns of all 76 school libraries subscribing to a total of 4,418 titles, the overall average per library was only 59—less than half the minimum established in the *Standards*.

Newspapers were also included in the survey, and only 52 of the 76 libraries reported subscribing to a local paper. Only 49 of them subscribed to at least one Phoenix newspaper, and 16 received at least one from Tucson. Twenty-seven reported receiving the Sunday edition of the *New York Times*. Concerning newspapers, the *Standards* recommends:

"The number of newspapers for school library collection is determined primarily by the needs of teachers and students. A minimum newspaper collection consists of three to six titles, with coverage of the news reported on local, state, national, and international levels. In some junior and senior high school libraries, a newspaper index is essential."

(*Standards* . . p. 79)

Of the 142 titles on the checklist, the following ones were received by a majority of the libraries reporting (listed in order of their popularity):

Life
Reader's Digest
Saturday Evening Post
Arizona Highways
National Geographic
Popular Mechanics
Seventeen
Better Homes and Gardens
Today's Health
Science Digest
Ladies Home Journal
Good Housekeeping
Newsweek
Popular Science Monthly
Time
U. S. News and World Report
Science News Letter
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American Girl
Industrial Arts and Vocational Education
Scholastic Coach
Senior Scholastic
Boys Life
Look
Saturday Review
What's New in Home Economics

In addition, the following periodicals were purchased by more than 25% of the schools:

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Besides the 142 titles on the checklist, another 155 titles were tabulated in the final results. These were additions written in on the returned questionnaires, and these 155 were received by four or fewer libraries. Possibly an interesting follow-up to this survey would be another tabulation, including all the 297 titles that appeared on these returns. This additional survey could be undertaken at the end of the first two years after the appearance of the new *Standards for School Library Programs*. It may possibly be a means of measuring the influence of the new *Standards* on the periodicals services in Arizona high school li-

braries. Another item of information that could be included in such a project is the extent of the collections of back issues in school libraries and the physical arrangements for their preservation and use.

Reporting on the survey at the 1960 ASLA Convention, Mr. Bentz said, "In a general survey of this type errors are bound to occur, especially when dealing with hundreds of titles. One or two titles were listed in the general survey that have definitely not published for the past several years. One of these titles was *Etude*. That periodical slipped in accidentally. My error. However, ironically and somewhat humorously, five librarians reported that they subscribe to it! Their error."

MYSTERY SHROUDS CAESAR'S BUST

A mystery involving the victim of a 2004-year-old murder developed recently at Phoenix Public Library. A 28-pound marble bust of Julius Caesar, the aforementioned victim, is missing from the Fine Arts Room. The Murder occurred in 44 B. C. and, according to Shakespeare, there was no mystery about that.

The bust, valued at \$100, had been presented on July 1, 1901, to John C. Scales by the National League of Commission Merchants in appreciation of his campaign that removed an unpopular Stamp Act from American

business regulations. This was the Bank Check Stamp Act, imposed during the Spanish-American War. Caesar's head was later given to the citizens of Phoenix by Catherine and Elizabeth Scales of Chicago, in honor of Mr. Scales, who had been a prominent winter visitor and a user of the old Carnegie Library on W. Washington Street.

At press time, the *Arizona Librarian* had received no news of a solution to *The Case of the Missing Head* that must rest rather heavily on somebody's shoulders.

FOR THE BULLETIN BOARD . . .

Everybody says he's in favor of freedom. Even the leaders of Communist Russia claim to be the only real defenders of *true* human freedom. Peace and freedom are their favorite words . . . Yet, freedom of choice in the daily lives the people is strait-jacketed . . . and "peace" describes a period of armed truce between major wars.

Why? Apparently it's because we don't know what freedom is. We don't understand the fact that small-scale compulsions within nations tend to grow into large-scale violence among nations. The person who desires to impose his will and viewpoint upon his neighbors in small ways "for their own good" is well on his way toward imposing his ideas upon all people in large ways, "for the good of mankind." —*Foundation for Economic Education, Inc.*

Guide in Science and Technology Now Available

A *Guide to U. S. Indexing and Abstracting Services in Science and Technology* is now available. This *Guide* was prepared by the Science and Technology Division of the Library of Congress for the National Federation of Science Abstracting and Indexing Services under a grant from the National Science Foundation. Priced at \$2.00, the publication contains 79 pages and measures 8½ by 11 inches.

This is a compilation of abstracting, indexing and title-announcement services originating in the United States covering the fields of science and technology. The purpose of this compilation is twofold. First, it is meant to serve as a guide in searching the literature of science and technology. Second, it is intended to aid in the coordination and improvement of coverage by those producing bibliographic services.

The *Guide* represents a year of careful searching among the collections of the Library of Congress, the

Department of Agriculture Library, and the National Library of Medicine, supplemented by knowledge of new services and publications that came to the attention of members of the Science and Technology Division of the Library of Congress.

The list of entries is presented in a classed arrangement. Two forms of entry are employed: main entries and cross-reference entries. The number of main entries in each subject class is shown in the table of contents. It may be of interest to note that of the 492 titles listed, 188 are classed under medicine, 145 under technology, and the remaining 159 are distributed among the eight other main headings. Analysis as to type of service shows that 393 titles have been regarded as abstracting services, while 99 constitute indexing services.

The *Guide* may be ordered from The National Federation of Science, Abstracting and Indexing Services, 301 East Capitol Street, Washington 3, D. C.

MARICOPA COUNTY DECENCY COMMITTEE ORGANIZED

G. O. Adams, representing the Phoenix Christian Business Men's Association, was recently elected chairman of a 10-member steering committee named the Maricopa County Citizens for Decent Literature. The aims of the Citizens are:

1. To acquaint society with the problem of the distribution of pornographic and obscene literature especially to teenagers.

2. To solicit the co-operation of all citizens in a program of eliminating the sale and distribution of objection-

able matter and encourage usage of good literature.

The 50-member group, representing civic, PTA, church, service, and mass media organizations, defined objectionable matter as any printed matter, film, recordings, photographs, and other devices which lead to criminal or anti-social acts as well as to physical, mental and spiritual degeneration.

(See the article entitled "Librarians and the Decency Committees," *ALA Bulletin*, July-August, 1960, pp. 571-73; and the articles on censorship and the "first freedom" in *Wilson Library Bulletin*, September, 1960.)

NEWS and MISCELLANY

Contributions for this column should be sent to the Editor, P. O. Box 577, Safford, Arizona

SUNNYSLOPE LIBRARY, DAMAGED BY FIRE, TO BE REBUILT

The nearly completed \$100,000 library of Sunnyslope High School, Phoenix, nearly destroyed by fire this summer, is being rebuilt but not in time for the opening of school. The fire apparently began when building material was ignited by welding being done on the roof. The building was to have taken the pressure off three classrooms previously used as a library.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT U. OF A. LIBRARY

Four new librarians have joined the staff of the University of Arizona Library. The position of Reference Librarian in Engineering Science will be filled by Paul W. Beck. Mr. Beck comes to Tucson from Atlanta, Georgia, where he served as Research Information Specialist for Lockheed Nuclear Products.

Edna L. Schweinfurth, new Circulation Librarian, was graduated from the Library School, Catholic University, Washington, D. C., in June, 1960.

Two additions to the cataloging staff were announced — William B. Stengle, a recent graduate of the University of Denver School of Librarianship, and Geraine C. Strong, formerly on the staff of the Natrona County Public Library, Caspar, Wyoming, and a graduate of the University of Washington Library School. They both assume the title of Catalog Librarian on the University Library staff.

EXTENSION SERVICE BRANCH PLANNED FOR THATCHER

A group of interested citizens met in Thatcher City Hall on August 31 to discuss plans for establishing a public library with the help of the State Extension Service. Those present represented the town's civic organizations, including three literary societies, and the City Council. Mrs. John Mickelson and Mrs. Jay Turley were leaders in the movement with Mrs. Mickelson acting as chairman. Suggestions were made for the library's location and definite possibilities will be presented at the next meeting of the group in early October, at which time a Library Board will be established. Mr. Glen Hoopes, Mayor of Thatcher, promised the support of the City Council, who will provide heat and lights once the location is established. Mrs. Alberta Titus represented the State Extension Service at the meeting. Others attending were Mrs. Clorene Lee; Mrs. Louie Robinson; Mr. Jack Daley, School Superintendent; Mrs. Emalee E. Philpott, School Librarian; and President Paul Guitteau, E.A.J.C.

LYLE ANDERSON ACCEPTS POST IN SPAIN

Lyle Anderson, a past secretary of ASLA and librarian in Coolidge schools for 14 years, has been named an elementary librarian for an overseas U. S. school, and has been assigned to an airbase in Spain. Before coming to Coolidge, Mr. Anderson taught adult education in the New York Medium Security State Prison.

LIBRARIAN DEVELOPS NEW PAPER FORMULA

A paradox of modern publishing is that most books, which are supposed to be a cultural legacy to posterity, have a life expectancy of only fifty years. The villain is modern book paper, about which librarians have been much concerned in recent years. But a Virginia librarian has come up with a durable inexpensive paper he claims will survive three hundred years or more.

William J. Barrow, chief of document restoration at the Virginia State Library, worked with a group of chemists for several years to develop a new chemical wood pulp formula, called Permalife, which is being produced by Standard Paper Manufacturing Company of Richmond, Virginia. Other companies will probably manufacture a similar product soon, however, as the State Library has published the basic formula.

In seeking a long-lasting paper, Barrow found that an acid ingredient, aluminum sulfate, caused most book paper to dry up, become brittle, and crumble. Looking for a way to reduce acidity, he rejected as too costly rag fiber, which withstands the acidity. Finally Barrow and his co-workers at Standard Paper discovered what they needed in Acquapel (a product developed by Hercules Powder Company) which is reportedly similar to nylon.

The manufacturer claims that Permalife, which has the durability of 100% rag paper, will add only a few pennies to the cost of manufacturing a worthwhile book. It is to sell for between \$25 and \$35 per hundred-weight against the present rate of \$20 to \$21 for regular book paper and \$100 for one hundred percent rag paper.

CITY OF PHOENIX PLANS LIBRARY EXPANSION

Phoenix city administration anticipates an expenditure of more than \$311 million for the next ten years for physical improvements to meet the mushrooming growth of the city. This estimate was given in a report submitted to the council by Charles A. Esser, assistant city manager.

Included in this sum is the impressive amount of \$3,489,963 to be spent on library development in the next five years. It will be used to build and equip branch libraries and to acquire sites.

MISS ELSA BERNER, DENVER, JOINS A. S. U. STAFF

Miss Elsa Berner, formerly from the Denver Public School system, and noted author on school library subjects, joined the Matthews Library staff on July 1st, 1960. Miss Berner will assist with the cataloging of the juvenile literature and the Curriculum Laboratory materials, as well as assisting in the Curriculum Laboratory.

MATTHEWS LIBRARY GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE

The staff of Matthews Library, ASU, has prepared a *Student Guide to the Effective Use of Matthews Library*. It contains floor plans of both floors, a directory of personnel and the schedule of hours. Following these are sections explaining the loan services, the card catalog, the special reference services, and the special collections of the library. Copies are available on request from Matthews Library, Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz.

Frank Glenn, 1958 Convention Speaker, Dies

Arizona librarians will be shocked to learn of the death of Frank Glenn, the great bookseller of Kansas City, on Sunday, June 12th, at the age of 63.

He was hospitalized for some time. With the moving of the bookshop from the Hotel Muehlebach to 1227 Baltimore Street, however, he asked to be allowed to go home for a few days, knowing he was to go back into the hospital at the end of the week. Each of those days Mrs. Glenn brought him down for an hour or so, though he was really too weak for the effort. On Saturday he returned to the University of Kansas Medical Center, and early Sunday morning he slipped quietly away as he slept.

He was the main speaker at the 1958 Convention of ASLA in Tucson. He had many friends among the librarians and bookmen of the state.

A. D. CARLISLE

Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Mary Carlisle, head of cataloging at Phoenix Public Library, in the death of her husband, Averill D. Carlisle, manager of the Phoenix office of the state em-

ployment service. Mr. Carlisle, a native of New York state, came to Mesa in 1912, where he taught in the Evans School for Boys. He served in the French Ambulance Corps and American Field Service in World War I, and was employment manager of AiResearch during World War II. He was active in Phoenix Little Theatre productions and member of American Legion, Phoenix Executives Club, Phoenix Country Club, and the Harvard Club. Services were conducted at A. L. Moore & Sons Memory Chapel, June 20, 1960.

MRS. ELIZABETH A. AHRENS

Members of ASLA extend sympathy to ASLA President Wilma Heisser, whose mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Anna Ahrens, died September 7th in St. Joseph's Hospital, Phoenix. Graveside services were held September 9th in Memory Lawn Memorial Park. Mrs. Ahrens was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas, but had lived in Phoenix since 1940. A member of the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, she had resided with Mrs. Heisser for the past six years.

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RAND McNALLY IS SPONSORING CONTEST FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Youngsters from every public and school library in two countries are being invited to help their library win \$1,000 in cash by picking a name for the colt born last spring to Misty, heroine of *Misty of Chincoteague* by Marguerite Henry.

Rand McNally & Company, publishers of *Misty*, are sponsoring the contest. After the winning name is picked, the newly-christened colt will be the hero of Miss Henry's coming sequel to *Misty*. (It's even possible he may appear in the coming Twentieth-Century Fox film version of *Misty of Chincoteague*.)

Invitations to enter the contest have been mailed to public libraries and branches in the United States and Canada. School libraries will be contacted shortly after school opens in September. Those responding will be provided with entry blanks and complete contest rules by Rand McNally.

Librarians are asked to have their young patrons suggest names for the colt. The youngsters and the librarian will then select the one best entry from their library, write in 50 words or less why they think their name is most appropriate, and submit it to the "Name Misty's Colt" contest.

A panel of judges will sift the entries and come up with one they think most suitable. The library submitting the winning entry will be awarded \$1,000 in cash by Rand McNally for the purchase of new children's books for the library.

Deadline for submitting entries is November 23, four days after the close of National Children's Book Week. Entry forms may be obtained by writing to Rand McNally's Library Department, P. O. Box 7600, Chicago, Illinois.

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS VOTED NEA DEPT.

In her announcement of the coming luncheon meeting of the Department of School Librarians (November 4th during AEA Convention), Mrs. Helen Moffat, ASLA Chairman, School Librarians Committee, writes:

"This DEPARTMENT business really thrills me. Now instead of being a wee part of the Department of Classroom Teachers, we are a department all our own. This was so voted at the National Convention in Los Angeles this summer. We are the only department of the NEA to also maintain professional status as a division of another national organization! Eleanor Ahlers is the executive secretary of the American Association of School Librarians, a division of the ALA and a department of the NEA."



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